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Celebrate World Space Week at Community Museum

Gaithersburg, MD (October 2, 2019) Celebrate World Space Week, October 7 through 12, 2019, at the Gaithersburg Community Museum. Explore space with hands-on activities and a poster exhibit, *Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission*, detailing the first lunar landing mission and recognizing the efforts of the people who made it happen. The exhibit is on display through November 10 and is provided by the Smithsonian Institution's Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

On July 24, 1969, Apollo 11 met President John F. Kennedy's 1961 challenge of "landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth." The poster exhibition, *Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission*, explores what led the United States to accept this challenge and how the resulting 953,054-mile voyage to the Moon and back was accomplished just eight years after the program was authorized. *Destination Moon* examines the mission and recognizes the sacrifices and devotion of more than 400,000 people employed in NASA programs who worked through the trials, tragedies and triumphs of the 20 missions from 1961 to 1969 before Apollo 11.

The [Gaithersburg Community Museum](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov) is located at 9 South Summit Avenue. Regular Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with additional hours by appointment. Museum admission is free. For more information call 301-258-6160 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GaithersburgCommunityMuseum and Instagram at www.instagram.com/gburgcommunitymuseum.

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